
TAMPERE.
FINLAND
PYYNIKIN LUKIO
UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL
High-quality academic, music and international programmes
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The historic school building at Pyynikintie 2

- Modern learning facilities in the historic Pyynikintie 2 school building, just a few minutes' walk from the Pyynikintori tram stop. Bus route 10 (Tahmela–Kaukajärvi) stops right outside the school, while the Metso and Aleksanterin kirkko bus stops are only about a 5-minute walk away.



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Build a solid foundation for your future at Pyynikin lukio

- Our high-quality general study programme provides an excellent foundation for the matriculation examination and further studies.
- The Music and Musical Theater Programme offers an wide range of courses in music, performance, and creative expression.
- We offer two international programmes: the Bilingual Study Programme (Finnish-English) and the English Study Programme.

Annual admission quota

- General Study Programme **85**
- Music and Musical Theatre **50**
- Bilingual Study Programme **25**
- English Study Programme **20**



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A high-quality upper secondary school with diverse opportunities

- A wide range of courses, first-class pedagogy, modern tools and materials.
- Lots of events and activities: field trips, expert visits, debates, concerts, and many more.
- The school's Erasmus+ accreditation offers students many international opportunities!
- We prioritize community and student support. To help you get started, your first study periods come with pre-planned schedules.

Music and Musical Theatre Programme

- The specific educational programme in music and musical theatre is for students with a background or strong interest in music or performing arts.
- Students in the programme are allowed to leave out some compulsory study units, enabling them to focus more on music studies.
- They also have the opportunity to perform in various events, such as concerts and musicals. With us, everyone is a star!



Music and Musical Theatre Programme

- We offer nearly 70 different study units inmusic, musical theatre, and musictechnology, including:
  - Bands and ensembles
  - Samsara Choir
  - Music technology
  - Theatre
  - Movement and dance
  - Scriptwriting
- Students also have access to multiple studios and rehearsal spaces, all of which are exceptionally well-equipped!





Applying to the Music and Musical Theatre Programme

- Students are admitted through the national joint application process based on their combined scores from the audition (1–10 points) and their final report (minimum GPA of 7.0). The total max. score is 20 points (10+10).
- The entrance audition is held at the school and includes an interview as well as short individual performances, such as singing, playing an instrument, or an expressive performance.
- In addition to the audition, applicants must complete an online form (the link can be found on the Studyinfo portal or on the school's website), where they provide information about themselves as applicants.


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Bilingual Study Programme BSP

- In the Bilingual Study Programme (BSP), studies are conducted in both Finnish and English. At the end of upper secondary school, students complete the **matriculation examination in Finnish**.
- The programme is intended for students whose Finnish skills are not yet sufficient for fully Finnish-medium studies. Good English skills are required to apply.
- **Finnish is the main language of instruction** in the BSP. English is used as a supporting language.
- Finnish skills are developed through preparatory Finnish as a second language (S2) study modules (a total of 16 cr during the first year).


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Applying to the Bilingual Study Programme (BSP)

- Students with the Finnish basic education certificate must apply through the national joint application system.
  - Selection is based on the average of academic subjects. The minimum requirement is an average grade of 7.0.
  - The applicant must have a final grade in the Finnish as a Second Language and Literature (S2) syllabys.
- Applications from students without the Finnish certificate will be considered separately.
  - Such applicants will be invited to an interview during which they must outline their motivation to study in the programme and demonstrate their skills in both Finnish and English.



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English Study Programme ESP

- In the English Study Programme, all instruction is conducted in English, and students also take their **matriculation examinations in English**.
- Students are, however, required to study Finnish as a second language (S2) and complete the S2 examination as part of the Finnish Matriculation Examination.
- The programme is intended for young people whose language skills are not sufficient for upper secondary studies in Finnish or Swedish. Applicants are considered to have insufficient proficiency in Finnish or Swedish if they have attended **no more than three years of basic education in Finland**.
- In addition, applicants who are not citizens of an EU or EEA country must hold a residence permit issued on grounds other than studies.


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Applying to the English Study Programme (ESP)

- The admission to ESP is based on an entrance exam designed to assess the academic readiness, as well as the key skills and mathematical competencies needed for upper secondary studies.
  - The entrance exam will be held on 20 April 2027 from 10:00 to 12:00. The exam is taken in English. It cannot be taken remotely. Applicants must score at least 30 out of 100 points.
  - A single exam allows application to all Finnish upper secondary schools offering English-language education. The exam is taken at the school that the applicant has placed as their first-choice option.
- If an applicant does not hold a Finnish basic education certificate, they must submit an official document of their previous qualification together with an official English translation of the certificate.
  - These documents are used to verify the applicant's eligibility to apply; however, admission to the programme is based on performance in the entrance exam.

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